

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MELBOU 01692 01 OF 03 140303Z

21

ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-09 ISO-00 CIAE-00 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 ACDA-10 OMB-01

NRC-07 ERDA-07 /091 W

----- 096722

P 140126Z SEP 76

FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3582

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

AMCONSUL PERTH

AMCONSUL BRISBANE

USS TRUXTUN

CINCPAC

CINCPACFLT

CNO

CINCPACFLT PAO REP WESTPAC SUBIC BAY RP

COMSEVENTHFLT

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 3 MELBOURNE 1692

E O 11652 N A

TAGS MNUC PFOR OCLR MPOL AS

SUBJ: USS TRUXTUN VISIT: MELBOURNE'S "SILENT MAJORITY" SPEAKS OUT

REFS A CANBERRA 6453 NOTAL B MELBOURNE 1590 NOTAL C TRUXTUN 302121Z

AUG 76 NOTAL D MELBOURNE 1636 NOTAL E MELBOURNE 0402 NOTAL F TRUXTUN

120220Z SEP 76 NOTAL

SUMMARY: IMMENSELY SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF USS TRUXTUN (CGN 35)

TO MELBOURNE SEPT 7-13 CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED TRUE PRO-

AMERICAN FEELINGS OF "SILENT MAJORITY" OF MELBURNIANS.

OUTPOURING OF HOSPITALITY BY BROAD CROSS SECTION OF THIS LARGE

CITY MADE VISIT MOST ENJOYABLE CREW HAD EVER EXPERIENCED,

ACCORDING TO MANY OF THEM. ON HIGHER POLITICAL LEVEL, MOST

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS WERE AMBASSADOR'S DINNER ON BOARD TRUXTUN

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MELBOU 01692 01 OF 03 140303Z

FOR PM FRASER AND TWO FEDERAL MINISTERS; CAPTAIN'S VIP LUNCHEON

FOR VICTORIA STATE AND MELBOURNE LEADERS AND TOP LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDERS; SHIP TOURS BY DEFENSE MINISTER, SCIENCE MINISTER AND FEDERAL TREASURER; AND ORGANIZED TOURS BY BROAD SPECTRUM OF VICTORIA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL CITIZENS. THROUGHOUT VISIT MEDIA COVERAGE WAS FAIR AND GENERALLY FAVORABLE. VISIT BEGAN WITH OVER 100 FRIENDLY SMALL CRAFT MEETING TRUXTUN AT BAY ENTRANCE AND ESCORTING HER TO MELBOURNE BERTH UNDER "WELCOME US NAVY" BANNER TRAILED BY LIGHT AIRCRAFT CIRCULING ABOVE. ONLY ONE BOAT CARRYING TWO SIGN-BEARING PROTESTERS WAS SEEN. ON SHORE ANTI-NPW DEMONSTRATORS AT PIER GATE WERE SMALL IN NUMBER AT ARRIVAL AND AFTER FIRST DAY ONLY A HANDFUL OF "PEOPLE AGAINST TRUXTUN" MAINTAINED ROUND-THE-CLOCK VIGIL OUTSIDE GATE. IMPACT ON EVENTS OF PROTESTORS, INCLUDING 24 HOUR LONGSHOREMEN'S

STRIKE WAS MINIMAL HAD NO EFFECT ON CREW MORALE AND AFTER FIRST DAY RECEIVED SCANT ATTENTION FROM MEDIA. LONGSHOREMEN'S "BLACK BAN" ON PIER HAD NO VISIBLE EFFECT AND NO RPT NO FURTHER LABOR PROBLEMS AROSE. CAPTAIN TALLY, OFFICERS AND MEN PRESENTED VERY FAVORABLE IMAGE OF USN, AND DESERVE HIGHEST PRAISE FOR THIS SUCCESSFUL EXERCISE IN NUCLEAR NAVY DIPLOMACY. VISIT DEFINITELY STRENGTHENED AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND SHOULD PAVE WAY FOR MORE US NAVY NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIAN PORTS. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER SIX-DAY STAY IN MELBOURNE, USS TRUXTUN DEPARTED ON SCHEDULE SEPT 13, ENDING IMMENSELY SUCCESSFUL VISIT. MANY OFFICERS AND CREW INDICATED THIS VISIT WAS MOST REWARDING OF ANY THEY HAD EVER HAD AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OVERWHELMING OUTPOURING OF HOSPITALITY FROM BROAD CROSS SECTION OF MELBOURNE SOCIETY. DIPLOMATIC HIGH POINT OF VISIT WAS AMBASSADOR'S DINNER ON SHIP, PRECEDED BY COCKTAILS AT CONGEN'S RESIDENCE, FOR PM FRASER, MINEMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS STREET, MINSOCIAL SECURITY GUILFOYLE, CONGEN AND SPOUSES, CAPTAIN TALLY AND OFFICERS. PM AND CO HIT IT EXTREMELY WELL AND LENGTHY CONVERSATION ENSUED BETWEEN THEM ON CAR RACING, AS RESULT OF WHICH PM INVITED CAPTAIN TALLY TO ATTEND RUNNING OF AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX NEXT DAY WHERE PM LAPPED TRACK AS PASSENGER AND LUNCHEON WAS HELD IN HIS AND CO'S HONOR. MINDEFNESE KILLEN ALSO BRIEFLY VISITED SHIP AND TALKED WITH CO. MINSOCIAL SECURITY WEBSTER TOURED SHIP WITH CONGEN AND ONE OF UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MELBOU 01692 01 OF 03 140303Z

SHIP'S ENGINEER OFFICERS, AND ASKED PENETRATING QUESTIONS ON NUCLEAR SAFETY. FEDERAL TREASURER AND MRS LYNCH TOURED SHIP WITH THREE YOUNG SONS, ESCORTED BY CHIEF ENGINEER AND CONGEN OFFICER AND SPOUSE. POST ORGANIZED AND CAPTAIN HOSTED 25-GUEST VIP LUNCHEON ON TRUXTUN. GUESTS INCLUDED NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, VICTORIA; MAJORITY LEADER IN VICTORIA STATE SENATE; LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE; STATE PARLIAMENTARIANS, BUSINESSMEN, MEDIA EXECUTIVES, ACADEMICS AND RELIGIOUS

LEADERS. PROMINENT ALP FIGURES, INCLUDING ALP PRESIDENT BOB HAWKE, WERE INVITED BUT ALL DECLINED.(ONE ADMITTED CANDIDLY TO CONGEN'S SECRETARY THAT REASON FOR REGRET WAS COMPLETELY POLITICAL.)

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MELBOU 01692 02 OF 03 140523Z

21

ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-09 ISO-00 CIAE-00 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 ACDA-10 OMB-01

NRC-07 ERDA-07 /091 W

----- 098006

P 140126Z SEP 76

FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3583

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

AMCONSUL PERTH

AMCONSUL BRISBANE

USS TRUXTUN

CINCPAC

CINCPACFLT

CNO

CINCPACFLT PAO REP WESTPAC SUBIC BAY RP

COMSEVENTHFLT

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 3 MELBOURNE 1692

2. SUCCESS OF VISIT BEGAN WITH MOST ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TRUXTUN, ACCORDING TO OFFICERS, HAD EVER RECEIVED, WITH OVER 100 SMALL CRAFT (SOME FLYING US FLAGS) AND A LIGHT AIRCRAFT TOWING BANNER READING "WELCOME UNITED STATES NAVY" ESCORTING TRUXTUN TO PORT MELBOURNE STATION PIER BERTH. (PHOTO OF SHIP WITH PLANE AND BANNER OVERHEAD GOT PROMINENT PLAY IN SUN, DAILY NEWSPAPER WITH 600,000 CIRCULATION.) CONGEN AND PRESS OBSERVERS ON PIER COULD ONLY SPOT ONE SMALL ANTI-NPW VISIT BOAT CARRYING TWO PROTESTERS WITH PLACARD. IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL SHIP'S

COMPANY HAD AVAILABLE NUMEROUS AND VARIED SOCIAL AND SPORTING  
EVENTS OFFERED BY SOCIAL, GOLF AND TURF  
CLUBS, VETERANS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. TYPICAL EVENTS:  
PARTY GIVEN BY 25 STUDENT NURSES FROM ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MELBOU 01692 02 OF 03 140523Z

(RMH) -- BUILT BY US FORCES IN WW II -- BALANCED BY TOUR OF  
RMH CONDUCTED BY SENIOR MEDICAL STAFF FOR TRUXTUN MEDICAL  
PERSONNEL. DIAL-A-SAILOR TELEPHONE INSTALLED ON SHIP AND  
MANNED BY CREW RECEIVED 2000-3000 INVITATIONS TO ALL MANNER  
OF EVENTS, MOST OFTEN HOME HOSPITALITY, FROM MELBURNIANS FROM  
ALL WALKS OF LIFE. SCHEDULED EVENTS WERE ORGANIZED BY POST'S  
TRUXTUN CONTROL OFFICER AND RAN LIAISON OFFICER(RANLO)  
WORKING IN VERY CLOSE COOPERATION. RAN SHIPS AND SHORE  
STATIONS INVITED GROUPS FROM TRUXTUN TO VISIT MESSES FOR  
MEALS AND DRINKS.

3. ALL-OUT WELCOME OFFERED BY MELBOURNE'S "SILENT MAJORITY"  
COMPLETELY OUTSHONE TINY NUMBER OF ANTI-NPW-VISIT DEMONSTRATORS  
WHO AT NO TIME DURING VISIT PRESENTED ANY SERIOUS PROBLEM OR  
ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE CONFRONTATION. THEY WERE COMPLETELY  
SURPRISED BY PM'S SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER ON SHIP AT WHICH THEY  
MIGHT WELL HAVE MADE TROUBLE FOR PUBLICITY'S SAKE, AND ONLY  
LEARNED OF DINNER AFTER FACT. PHYSICAL SECURITY AT STATION  
PIER WAS IDEAL. LARGE CONTINGENT OF VICTORIA POLICE CONTROLLED  
SINGLE GATE SEALING OFF PIER. COOPERATION BETWEEN POLICE AND  
POST WAS CLOSE AND EFFICIENT. "INDUSTRIAL ACTION" AGAINST  
THE VISIT WAS CONFINED TO DECLARATION OF A "BLACK BAN" ON  
STATION PIER BY  
WATERSIDE WORKERS FEDERATION FOR THE ENTIRE  
VISIT FOLLOWING AN INITIAL 24-HOURS TOTAL PORT STRIKE. THIS  
ACTION WAS SOON FORGOTTEN BY TRUXTUN CREW AND MOST MELBURNIANS.

4. AS NO GENERAL PUBLIC VISITING OR OPEN DAYS WERE ALLOWED  
BY GOA'S ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, CONGEN STAFF, WITH SHIP'S  
PRIOR AGREEMENT AND WITH HELP OF MANY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
ARRANGED ELEVEN ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR TOURS OF SHIP FOR  
SELECTED BUSINESSMEN, ACADEMICS, SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, MEDIA  
EXECUTIVES, KEY CONTACTS OF POST'S ADMIN AND CONSULAR SECTIONS,  
MELBOURNE CONSULAR CORPS, SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ARMY AND RAAF  
OFFICERS, EX-SERVICEMEN'S GROUPS, STATE PARLIAMENTARIANS,  
AND OTHERS, RANLO ORGANIZED 7 SIMILAR TOURS FOR AUSTRALIAN  
MILITARY TRI-SERVICE PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSONNEL, RECRUITS,  
MIDSHIPMEN, RESERVISTS, PORTS AND HARBORS PERSONNEL AND  
OTHERS. THESE TOURS PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND WERE MUCH  
APPRECIATED BY INVITEES WHO WERE GUIDED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE  
SHIP'S PERSONNEL IN A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. TWO GROUPS  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MELBOU 01692 02 OF 03 140523Z

(BUSINESSMEN AND MEDIA EXECUTIVES) ALSO HAD LUNCHEON ON SHIP AS PART OF TOUR. AS RESULT, SEVERAL THOUSAND VICTORIANS ACTUALLY GOT TO TOUR SHIP. ON LAST NIGHT IN PORT, CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS GAVE LARGE RECEPTION ORGANIZED BY POST AND HELD IN CONGEN OFFICER'S RESIDENCE WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY OVER HUNDRED PEOPLE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO SUCCESS OF VISIT. SHIP DEPARTED WITH A DISTINCTLY WARM FEELING HAVING BEEN ENGENDERED IN MELBOURNE. SOME DOZEN SMALL CRAFT ACCOMPANIED HER DOWN PORT PHILLIP BAY TO ENTRANCE WHERE AUSTRALIAN ARMY STAFF COLLEGE RENDERED FAREWELL HONORS AS SHIP PASSED THROUGH.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MELBOU 01692 03 OF 03 140521Z

21

ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-09 ISO-00 CIAE-00 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 ACDA-10 OMB-01

NRC-07 ERDA-07 /091 W

----- 097937

P 140126Z SEP 76

FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3584

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

AMCONSUL PERTH

AMCONSUL BRISBANE

USS TRUXTUN

CINCPAC

CINCPACFLT

CNO

CINCPACFLT PAO REP WESTPAC SUBIC BAY RP

COMSEVENTHFLT

UNCLAS SECTION 3 OF 3 MELBOURNE 1692

5. CINCPACFLT PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE ASSESSED MEDIA REACTION AS FOLLOWS (REFTEL F): "MEDIA REACTION TO TRUXTUN

VISIT TO MELBOURNE WAS EXTENSIVE AND MAINLY VERY POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE. PRE-ARRIVAL COVERAGE CENTERED ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRO-VISIT GOA AND OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY, WATERFRONT UNIONS AND SAFETY OPPONENTS, AND ON THE THREATENED 6 DAY WORK STOPPAGE IN PORT MELBOURNE. THE ACTUAL ONE DAY STOPPAGE WAS GENERALLY TREATED AS A TOKEN MOVE IN THE PRESS. TRUXTUN'S ARRIVAL TO A WARM WELCOME FROM THE PEOPLE OF MELBOURNE AND THE FAILURE OF WIDESCALE DEMONSTRATIONS TO MATERIALIZE RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE IN ALL MEDIA. MATERIAL GENERATED BY PRE-ARRIVAL KIT, SHIP'S ARRIVAL, CO'S PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESS TOUR OF SHIP AND BY THE EXTENSIVE AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALITY OFFERED TO THE TRUXTUN CREW THROUGH SUCH PROGRAMS AS "DIAL A SAILOR" RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD INITIAL COVERAGE BY ALL MEDIA. AFTER UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MELBOU 01692 03 OF 03 140521Z

SEVERAL DAYS IN PORT COVERAGE DECREASED AND SHIFTED TO FEATURE-TYPE MATERIAL....MEDIA WERE VERY FAIR, ACCCURE AND SUPPORTIVE ...EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS UNIFORMLY PRO-NPW VISITS.... TRUXTUN'S PROFESSIONALISM AND ADAPTABILITY IN DEALING WITH PRESS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING EXECLENT MEDIA RELATIONS IN MELBOURNE....OVERALL IMPRESSION IS THAT TRUXTUN VISIT TO MELBOURNE VERY SUCCESSFUL MEDIA RELATIONS EVENT."

6. COMMENT: POST BELIEVES THIS FIRST NPW VISIT TO THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT SINCE BAN IMPOSED FOUR YEARS AGO BY MCMAHON GOVT WAS LIFTED EARLIER THIS YEAR HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT OF OVERWHEMING MAJORITY OF VICTORIANS, FROM STATE GOVT PREMIER TO MAN IN THE STREET FOR FRASER GOVT'S POLICY OF CLOSE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN DEFENSE RELATIONS AND FIRM COMMITMENT TO ANZUS TREATY. AS MARCH VISIT BY USCGC BURTON ISLAND INDICATED (REFTEL E), CAREFULLY TIMED, WELL-EXECUTED VISIT BY US VESSEL MAKES ENORMOUS POSITIVE IMPACT HERE AND GREATLY STRENGTHENS AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. TRUXTUN VISIT PROVIED THIS BEYOND DOUBT. CAPTAIN BILLY TALLY, XO CDR GEORGE MILLAR, OPS OFFICER LCDR DON DEGREEF, CHIEF ENGINEE LCDR JOHN POLLOCK AND ALL OTHER TRUXTUN OFFICERS AND MEN DESERVE HIGHEST PRAISE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION THIS IMPORTANT EXERCISE IN NUCLEAR NAVY DIPLOMACY WHICH SHOULD PAVE WAY FOR MORE US NAVY NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIAN PORTS. IF WE MAY BORROW FINE OLD NAVY EXPRESSION, WE SEND: "WELL DONE, TRUXTUN\*". BRAND

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN



## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PROAMERICAN, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, FOREIGN RELATIONS, TRUXTUN USS, MILITARY VISITS, NAVAL SHIPS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 14 SEP 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976MELBOU01692  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760345-1108  
**From:** MELBOURNE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760963/aaaacbqr.tel  
**Line Count:** 322  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION PM  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 6  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** vandyklc  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 20 FEB 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <20 FEB 2004 by MaustMC>; APPROVED <26 AUG 2004 by vandyklc>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** USS TRUXTUN VISIT: MELBOURNE'S "SILENT MAJORITY" SPEAKS OUT  
**TAGS:** MNUC, PFOR, OCLR, MPOL, MARR, AS, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006